

General Tribal Council  
July 3, 1961  
Oneida Methodist Church Hall  
Semi-annual  
Quorum: 55

Present: Chair Julius Danforth, Vice Chair Irene Moore, Treasurer Althea Schuyler, Secretary Eva Danforth, Mr. E.J. Riley, Marshall Hall Ashland Agency, Marvin Chapman Tribal Lawyer

After introduction of visiting officials and the tribal lawyer, Marvin Chapman from the law firm of Aaron, Aaron, Schimberg & Hess, Mr. Chapman was called on to address the tribal members present in spite of the fact that a quorum was not present at time. It was then explained to the people the progress thus far in so far as the Claims now being tried on behalf of the Oneidas. It was pointed out that the federal government is liable for depriving the Oneidas of their half interest in the approximately 4,000,000 acres of land in eastern Wisconsin and upper Michigan. As of 1832, but the greatest task will be to figure out how much the land was worth at that time. It was also explained that no one can predict how much the tribe will eventually receive, but in other cases, the government said 10 cents to \$1.25 per acre, depending on natural resources and acreage. The law firm has filed a finding of fact and brief and still is waiting to hear from the government and stated that he was hopeful that things would materialize by Labor day so that oral argument could follow this fall.

After Mr. Chapman finished his talk, the official business meeting was called to order by Chairman Julius Danforth as a quorum was present by that time. (55).

Mr. Riley was called on to discuss the business of the annuity money which has been accumulated since 1951. He explained that he had prepared a resolution whereby one area office could get permission to disperse the accumulated annuity funds with the help of Oneida Executive Committee.

The chairman called on Mr. Oscar Archiquette to explain the history of the treaty of 1784 in English and Oneida. After much discussion, pro and con as to dispersing it per capita, investing in government bonds or private investments, a motion was made by Leonard Smith to adopt a resolution herein referred to as resolution no. 2, whereby the accumulated amount of \$18,000,00 should be invested in Series H bonds on behalf of the tribe as a whole, with the addition that the money earned in interest shall be invested annually along with the principal sum of \$1800. Per year until such time as the tribe as a whole should make other changes. 49 persons voted for resolution.

Discussion held on the proposed exchange of land of James H. Schanandorah, Oneida Alottee No. 1410, of his 1/15 undivided interest for exchange of lot X, section 34, T. 24 N. R. 18 E, (1 acre) in Outagamie Co.

Motion made by Oscar Archiquette to accept the resolution herein referred to as resolution no. 1) to make the exchange. Motion seconded by Lillian Skenandore. Carried. 39 affirmative, 2 opposed.

No other business. Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Eva Danforth  
Tribal Secretary

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